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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7765**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 344**

**DATE PREPARED:** Mar 5, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 5, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Abandoned Watercraft.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill permits marina operators to sell at auction watercraft that have been left at the marina without permission for more than six months. It requires the marina operator to perform a title search at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles before conducting an auction and requires the marina operator to notify the owner and any lien holder of the intent to sell the abandoned watercraft. The bill allows the owner or lien holder to redeem the watercraft within 10 days of receiving notice from the marina operator. It provides that if the watercraft is not redeemed, the watercraft will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder. The bill requires the marina operator to provide the highest bidder with an affidavit of sale, which constitutes proof of ownership permitting the Bureau to issue a certificate of title to the purchaser.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**